

FLAGSTAFF MUST HAVE BETTER POST OFFICE--UNITED STATES ASKS FOR BIDS

Rapid Growth of Flagstaff Postoffice Calls for New Building and New Equipment--Government Wants it Ready by May 1st Next

Postoffice Inspector C. F. Dutton has been in Flagstaff a couple days this week and is wondering where and how sufficient accommodations are going to be secured for the rapidly growing Flagstaff postoffice. This office seems to be able to outgrow its quarters every few months and the parcel post department sometimes needs an extra warehouse equipment to handle the business.

As a result of the inspection made by Inspector Dutton, notices have been posted asking for bids on a building that will give this office at least 2200 square feet of floor space; to be equipped with heat, light, safe, vault and modern conveniences, including the necessary boxes and fixtures. Bids will be opened December 15th, requiring the building and equipment to be ready for use on or before May 1st, 1916. Blanks and the necessary details may be secured of Postmaster Byrnes.

The action taken by the postoffice department would seem to indicate that the permanent postoffice site provided for by congressional appropriation, was badly needed in Flagstaff and should be selected by the government now.

Obituary of Josiah E. King

Josiah E. King, a Civil War veteran and retired grocer, of White Haven, Pa., died on Sunday at the University Hospital, where he was taken from the home of his son-in-law, Eugene M. Barnes, 122 North 61st street, with whom he lived. For 44 years he had conducted a grocery store in White Haven, retiring in 1907 to live with a daughter, Mrs. C. F. Portz, at Flagstaff, Arizona. He had lived there for several years and was 75 years old.

At the opening of the Civil War he joined the 28th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, in Northampton County, and soon was made a corporal. Subsequently he was transferred to the 147th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, as a lieutenant and adjutant, having been promoted, according to his discharge papers, for gallantry in action. He was with General Sherman on his "March to the sea," and was at the grand review in Washington following the war. His widow, who survives, was Miss Mollie Elizabeth Frazier, of Brunswick, Md. Luther E. King, a merchant, of Allentown, Pa., and John King, of Easton, Pa., are brothers. For many years Mr. King was a trustee and active worker at the White Haven Presbyterian church. Services were held at the Barnes home Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock, and interment was made at White Haven on Wednesday.

Rev. John Frederick Nicholas, a lifelong friend of the family conducted the services at Philadelphia and also at White Haven.—Public Ledger, Philadelphia.

Flagstaff Pioneer Dies in Los Angeles CASSETT. In this city, November 30, 1915, Albert H. Cassett, aged 60 years.

Funeral services from the chapel of W. H. Sutch Co., No. 842 Figueroa, Thursday at 10 o'clock. (Flagstaff, Ariz.; papers please copy.)—Los Ang. Times.

Mr. Cassett was a well known resident of Flagstaff some eighteen or twenty years ago. For a time he was employed as a pumper at O'Neil Springs by the Santa Fe and afterwards homesteaded northwest of Flagstaff and owned a bunch of cattle. Since moving to California little was known of him except by a few personal friends, though it is understood he became quite wealthy in business deals some years before his death.

WORKMAN ELECTROCUTED SATURDAY AT WINSLOW

McMahon, an employe of the Santa Fe at the roundhouse at Winslow was electrocuted by a live wire while at work last Saturday and died instantly. He was using the big electric hoisting crane when he accidentally came in contact with an uncovered wire heavily charged and was killed instantly. McMahon was a married man about 37 years of age and a native of Illinois.

ARIZONA CATTLEMEN WILL HOLD CONVENTION AT PHOENIX JAN. 10-12

Preparations are being made for the holding of the tenth annual convention of the Arizona Cattle Growers' Association which is to be held in the city of Prescott on January 10, 11 and 12, 1916, and a number of interesting and profitable speeches and discussions have already been arranged for the program.

Mr. Dwight B. Heard, president of the association, has notified Secretary Bradner of the Live Stock Sanitary Board, that he will deliver an address on the subject of "The Proposed National Legislation on the Control of Public Grazing Lands."

This subject has been of particular interest to the cattle raisers of this and adjoining states. For some time it has been the desire of the cattle interests to have congress pass a measure which would permit the government lands being leased for grazing purposes, thereby giving the lessee the privilege of fencing and the development of water rights on the land.

In the opinion of a number of the leading cattlemen, the passage of such a law is very probable and its enactment would mean much to the local stock men.

County Receives U. S. Cash

County Treasurer S. S. Acker received a check for \$28,500 from the U. S. treasurer as Coconino county's share of the Forest Service fund for the year. The amount is less than usual, but will be a welcome addition to the school and road fund just the same.

How "Dry" Laws Change People

County Attorney C. E. Wilson and High Sheriff W. G. Dickinson went to Williams Wednesday probably looking for more jag trunks. This prohibition law works in strange ways. Before it went into effect it is probable that you couldn't have found a quart of whiskey in either of their houses, but now they are hunting night and day for booze while they have whole trunks filled with it. They have enough on hand now to last them a few years but just naturally want more all the time.

Ladies of Baptist Church Organize

The Ladies of the Flagstaff Baptist church met Wednesday afternoon at the pastors home to complete and perfect the organization of their Aid Society. At the first meeting on Wednesday of last week the matter of organizing was fully discussed and unanimously agreed upon. All present at this meeting signed as charter members of the society and left the roll open to those who might join at the next meeting to become charter members of the society.

It was decided that a president, secretary and treasurer should be elected for the remainder of the year and at the first meeting of the society in 1916 the annual election should take place at which time a full corps of officers is to be selected. Mrs. Epperly was chosen president and Mrs. Williams secretary and treasurer for the short term.

The time on Wednesday was spent in laying plans of work and discussing matters of interest for the society. The various committees were appointed necessary to make effective the work of the organization and the society becomes actively engaged at once in doing something. The interest with which the members are taking hold of this newly formed society promises that it will be an efficient adjunct to Baptist prosperity in the community.

There is one very striking coincidence that is of interest relative to the membership of this society. The Baptist church at Winslow was recently organized with thirteen charter members. The church here at Flagstaff is one day younger than the one at Winslow which was organized with thirteen members. The newly formed Aid Society has thirteen charter members. Since thirteen is now considered a lucky number the new society enters enthusiastically and hopefully upon its career.

ELKS REMEMBER ABSENT BROTHERS

The local lodge of Elks again fittingly remembered their honored dead with their beautiful ceremony Sunday afternoon at the Majestic theatre.

The stage was profusely decorated with flowers, colored lights and other decorations producing an effect pleasing to the eye and altogether impressing those present with the thought that so long as Elks shall live and gather together, at least one day in the year, the names of those who are missing from the roster will be remembered, with his good deeds remembered and his faults written upon the sands that they may be easily blotted from memory.

The program was a most entertaining one, and for which the members of the lodge are duly grateful to the ladies and other friends who assisted the committee composed of Judge F. W. Perkins, Dr. E. S. Miller and Paul S. Coffin.

The full program given was as follows:

March—Dolores—Moret. Normal school orchestra: Miss Viola Brandis, Leslie Masters, Gertrude Perry, Messrs Arthur Perry, William B. Jones, John Snoberger, Miss Cornelia Luscomb, director.

Ritual Work—Members. Vocal Solo—"The Shepherd of the Fold"—D'Auvergne Barnard. Earl E. Rosenberry, Miss Flora Jensen, Accompanist.

Ritual Work—Members. Opening Ode.

Prayer—Chaplain Cuthbert P. Hanna.

Duette—"Forever With the Lord." Ch. Gounod, Miss Ruth Swetling, Mr. Alexander A. Johnston, Miss Ruth Jessop, accompanist.

Address—Brother Murray S. Brannen, Flagstaff Lodge No. 499.

Sextette—"Hark, Hark, My Soul"—Harry Rowe Shelly, Misses Regina Meek, Addie Morse, Cornelia Luscomb, Messrs Roger A. Morse, H. H. Lewis, Alexander A. Johnston, Miss Ruth Jessop, accompanist.

Eulogy—Brother Milton I. Powers. Violin Solo—Arioso, Carl Bohm, Mr. Roger A. Morse, Miss Ruth Jessop, accompanist.

Ritual Work—Members. Doxology—Members and Audience. Benediction.

The music by the Normal school orchestra pleased the large audience that has gathered, as did the sweet voiced singers in the duette and sextette and the violin solo by Roger Morse.

The address by Murray S. Brannen was a pleasant surprise to his many Flagstaff friends. He was not at loss for words to express many beautiful and touching thoughts on the great day, when all Elks' lodges of the United States were gathered together in memory of those who were gathered to the Great Grand Lodge on high.

Milton I. Powers in his eulogy touched a tender chord in the hearts of his hearers; that life only is truly lived where love dwells, memories of the greatest of the earth and thoughts mankind; their errors were human, mankind, their errors were human, written upon the shifting sands of time forgotten as even are the mistakes of the weak who hope for forgiveness.

Flagstaff Lodge No. 499 now has a Under the administration of Exalted Ruler W. W. Hudgings it has grown membership of nearly 200 and is growing rapidly from year to year, and prospered greatly, and there is every hope that within another year the lodge will have a fine new lodge home of their own on the corner of Aspen avenue and Beaver street, which valuable corner they now own clear of debt.

Bailey-Brown Wedding

Mr. George J. Bailey was married Tuesday morning to Miss Martha Josephine Brown of Long Mount, Colorado, by Rev. J. W. Epperley at the Baptist parsonage. Those present witnessing the ceremony were, Mayor J. W. Francis, Miss Lenore Francis and Irvin Francis.

Mr. Bailey has been with the Northern Arizona Motor Company since last spring and is a young man who has made many friends in Flagstaff since accepting the position.

The bride arrived in Flagstaff Tuesday morning from her Colorado home and was met at Winslow by the groom-to-be. Mr. Bailey has leased the Dan McDonald house on Capital hill where they will make their home this winter.

WORK COMMENCED ON POWER PLANT

J. B. Girard this week put a force of men and teams to work preparing a road from Peach Springs to Diamond Canyon, at the mouth of which canyon the first of the series of massive dams is to be built. As soon as the road is made passable for auto trucks a large amount of camp equipment, comprising tent houses, stoves, beds and everything that will go to make employes comfortable, will be taken there.

Mr. Girard will arrive on the scene about the tenth of the month and will bring with him a complete diamond drilling outfit and also machinery for taking soundings along the river close to the mouth of Diamond Canyon, it being the intention to find the most desirable place for the big dam and at a point that will allow of the erection of power houses and transformers inside the smaller canyon.

A series of great dams in the Grand Canyon has been the dream of the Miner editor and it would appear that this dream is about to come true.

With dams capable of developing great power, the vast gorge that nature provided will become not only one of the wonders of the world, but will be able to produce more power than any other project in the new or old world. From 400,000 to 1,000,000 horsepower will be developed by the five dams, and with increasing height greater power will be obtained. Not only will these dams develop power in amazing quantity, but they can be used to conserve the flood waters that come down from the mountains of Montana and Wyoming every spring and create great damage on the lower Colorado river. It is this class of projects that California people in the valley of the Colorado river, below Yuma, are crying for, but they want to go farther afield and build them far north, close to the source of the great river.

With great power dams along the Colorado river and with the cheapest power that they will furnish, Mohave county will become one of the greatest mining and industrial sections of the State. Not only can every piece of machinery in use in the country be operated by hydro-electric power, but the Santa Fe railroad can also be electrified between Los Angeles and Albuquerque. This consumption of power alone would create a demand and amply reward the builders of these dams, but the scope of mining and other pursuits would soon be so widened that the demand would grow greater and greater until the entire capacity of the plans would be consumed. Northern Arizona is growing so fast that it will soon outstrip our southern neighbors, and electric power will add greatly to its growth.

The mines of Mohave county are handicapped by lack of cheap power, and the Girard project will be heralded by all as the one great thing needed to attract the big capitalists to the lower grade mining propositions that abound in all parts of this wonderfully mineralized area.—Kingman Miner.

CASH'S CASH ACCOUNT IS ALL ON RED SIDE

Sheriff Cash, of Greenlee county, is now receiving the direct attention of the state corporation commission who are wanting to know why he discharged employes of the electric light plant who were hired by the Arizona Copper Co., and substituted men of his own selection in their places. The company refused to pay the men hired by Cash and cash is now scarce. He notified the corporation commission that the company refused to pay his bills and received a red hot reply from them indicating strongly to him that in taking over a public utility he had exceeded his authority and they want to know why he did it.

From an off hand view of the situation we should conclude that the Sheriff acted up to his name and realized that he had a good thing if he could make it stick. Hiring his own men, taking charge of the plant and demanding payment of all expenses from the ousted owners.

President Ripley's Special

President Ripley's special went through Flagstaff Monday on its way from Chicago to the coast. President Ripley has made the Santa Fe the best railroad system in the United States and has the honest, loyal team work of all his subordinates. Instead of the old time arbitrary rule side he has convinced employes that there are two sides to most all things and horse sense wins promotion.

MRS. S. L. FINLEY INSTANTLY KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT NEAR MAINE STATION

S. L. Finley Seriously Injured—Two Small Children Thrown Out of Machine But Were Not Injured. Accident Occurred Thursday Morning Mile This Side Maine Station on Flagstaff-Williams Road

SUPERVISORS WILL CALL FOR \$350,000 ROAD BOND ELECTION

It is practically assured that the county board of supervisors will call for a good roads bond election for \$350,000. \$200,000 will be used to complete the east and west road through the county the balance, \$150,000 for use in constructing north and south roads. As now planned this sum will be put on the Tonto Basin road and the Williams-Grand Canyon road and probably one or two other short roads north and south not definitely decided upon.

Attorney Thompson, representing the James N. Wright bond house of Denver, conferred with the board on the method of calling the election and issuing bonds. As proposed now the bond issue will be serial bonds running from 1 to 40 years, averaging 20 1/2 years; one bond to be taken up each year.

The bond election will be called for about April 15th or May 1st 1916, though nothing definite was settled, as the Supervisors have not received all the information on the subject necessary to arrive at a definite conclusion.

The question of calling for a bond issue of \$200,000 to be used on the east and west road has been under consideration for some time by the board; some tax payers have entered objections and advocate a \$350,000 bond issue to cover north and south roads. Which proposition is the one that will carry is a much mooted question and the supervisors have decided, practically in favor of the larger amount and longer term payments. In any event the supervisors have concluded to give the people a chance to vote on the issue letting the result be what it may.

DECLAMATORY CONTEST ON DECEMBER 10TH

The annual declamatory contest will take place in the Normal School auditorium next Friday night, December 10th.

This year's contest promises to be the best ever held at the school. Besides all the selections being classic a number of the contestants have had previous experience which makes the coming event an especially interesting one. Also, a large number of people have entered the contest than ever before which shows a growing enthusiasm in this sort of work.

The following program will be rendered:

"Robert of Sicily"—Henry W. Longfellow.—Mary R. Hanley.
"The Ruggles Christmas" from "The Bird's Christmas Carol."—Ruth Lowdermilk.
"The Return of Enoch Arden" from "Enoch Arden."—Alfred Tennyson.—Elizabeth Wilder.

"The Death of Little Nell"—Charles Dickens.—Mary Rickel.

"The Last Word"—Henry Van Dyke.—Price Brinkerhoff.

Her'v Riel—Robert Browning.—Iris Robertson.

"The Arena Scene" from "Quo Vadis" by Sienkiewicz.—Eleanor Roberts.

"The Hoosier's Romance"—James Whitcomb Riley.—Elsie Jordan.

"The Combat" from "The Lady of the Lake"—Sir Walter Scott.—Rachel Wilson.

Father Vabre, Mrs. Pollock and Mr. Crable of the city will act as judges for the contest.

Three prizes will be awarded. The first prize, consisting of a ten dollar gold piece is offered by Mr. Black of The Dresswell Shop. The second prize of five dollars and the third prize of three dollars will be made up of money taken in at the door.

This entertainment is open to all who wish to come. It begins promptly at 7:30 p. m. A small admission not exceeding twenty-five cents will be charged.

Mrs. S. L. Finley was instantly killed yesterday at about 11 o'clock one mile this side of Maine station on the Flagstaff-Williams road, crushed to death underneath an automobile, while her husband was pinned down under the machine for three hours awaiting help.

From all indications the machine came down the grade off a cinder road and when it struck the grade across the ravine on soft soil, commenced to skid, a turn too much steered it over the grade overturning it, also turning it end for end as it struck.

Mrs. Finley was crushed by the back of the seat she was sitting in. Mr. Finley was badly injured and bruised in the abdomen, but latest reports say he has received no fatal injuries.

Mr. Finley's two sons were in the back seat, neither were injured, though the youngest about 5 years old was unable to get out of the machine. Mark, the eldest boy about 7 years old managed to work himself out of the wreck and walked back about three miles looking for help. The poor little fellow manfully made his way to the nearest ranch, that of R. R. Gleason, but was hardly able to make himself understood at first. Bob Gleason started out with him on foot at first, thinking the accident close by, but by further questioning, found it was some distance to the scene of the accident. He returned and taking his wife with him, hurried as fast as he could by team to their assistance. He was unable to liberate Mr. Finley, but sent his wife on to Maine to telephone Flagstaff for help.

Word was received here at about 1:30 and several machines with doctors started out at once.

Mr. Finley was taken immediately to the Milton hospital, and Mrs. Finley's remains were brought in by Undertaker Whipple, reaching Flagstaff at about 4 o'clock. Mrs. Finley only spoke a few words to her husband after the accident, and lived but a few moments after being crushed under the weight of the machine. Mr. Finley was conscious when found but suffering intensely from the cold and was dazed from his injuries. Later he was able to give an intelligent account of the affair, which all occurred in a brief moment.

Mr. and Mrs. Finley had started on a week's trip to Kingman and Oatman on a combined business and pleasure trip, and only in the early summer returned from a long trip overland to San Francisco.

The entire city were grieved and shocked at the terrible accident.

SIX APPLICANTS TAKE CIVIL SERVICE EXAM.

Six applicants for the civil service examination for surveyors in the United States land office took the examination last Wednesday and Thursday. Those passing the examination will be placed on the eligible list and will be called to fill vacancies as they occur in the service. Training and experience count largely in making up the average of an applicant. John Garcon, of the Forest Service is the local secretary of the examining board.

WILL MAKE FLAGSTAFF POTATOES FAMOUS

Fred Hensing has 2,000 pounds of Flagstaff potatoes in storage which he proposes to sort and crate in wooden boxes ready for the market. He is enthusiastic over the proposition of assorting them properly and getting them an attractive form for the market, believing if they are thus handled, instead of coming in dirty sacks and of all sizes and kinds, a market will be opened at a great increase over present prices and eventually place the product where it belongs as the best of its kind on the market. Experts who have tested them claim they are the best, easiest to handle and most nutritious of any potato in the country. Mr. Hensing has in view a warehouse where all potatoes can be brought for sorting and crating.